THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per reports received from the Drug Law Enforcement Agencies concerned, there is nothing to indicate the existence of any thriving drug market in Ambedkar Colony near Nehru Place, Jhuggies in Lajpat Nagar Railway Colony or other parts of New Delhi. However, the possibility of isolated instances of clandestine sale of drugs under the cover of other activities cannot be completely ruled out.

(b) and (d) No police personnel has been found involved in abetting sale of narcotics in the area.

(c) During the last two years, i.e., 2000 and 2001, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has arrested 33 persons and Delhi Police has arrested 1432 persons under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 in various localities of Delhi.

Representation for unearthing black money

3175. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of States who presented their views before the Tenth Finance Commission regarding unearthing of black money in the country;

(b) the salient points raised by them; and

(c) what are the points Government have accepted and rejected together with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Tripura and West Bengal explicitly presented their views before the Tenth Finance Commission regarding unearthing of black money in the country.

(b) Unearthing of black money would help in expanding the divisible pool of resources and the additions by way of unearthed black money should be allocated to the States in accordance with the

scheme of distribution recommended by Finance Commissions. This would enable States to reduce their fiscal deficits without cuts in their plan expenditure in critical areas.

(c) The Tenth Finance Commission did not give any specific recommendation regarding unearthing of black money in the country. However, the Commission, keeping in view their holistic assessment of the resources and requirements of the Centre and States and keeping in view the need for vertical and horizontal equity made their final recommendations. The Government of India had accepted the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission relating to devolution of Central Taxes and Duties and quantum of grants-in-aid to States.

Amount sanctioned by Eleventh Finance Commission to Tamil Nadu

3176. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of grant allocated to Tamil Nadu by the Eleventh Finance Commission out of the Central aid;

(b) the basis of such allocation of funds;

(c) the amount allocated to other State *vis-a-vis* Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether Government receive regular representation for hike in volumes of sanction and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The percentage of grants to Tamil Nadu by the Eleventh Finance Commission out of the total transfers recommended by it for all the States is 4.97.

(b) and (d) The Finance Commission lays down the criteria for determining the share of transfers between the States, from time to time, keeping in view their assessment of States' requirements, and the need for horizontal equity. A number of States, including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and Tamil Nadu had represented to the Centre in this regard. The